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Substitute House Bill No. 6786

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The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through Rep. GIANNAROS of the 21st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRIC FORECAST OF LOADS AND RESOURCES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (a) of section 16-50r of the general statutes is repealed
2 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) Every person engaged in the transmission or distribution of
4 electric power in the state, and every person engaged in generating
5 electric power in the state [, except a private power producer, as
6 defined in section 16-243b] with a capacity greater than one megawatt,
7 shall, annually, on or before March first, file a report which may
8 consist of an update of the previous year's report with the council for
9 its review containing a [twenty-year] ten-year forecast of loads and
10 resources. The report shall describe the facilities that, in the judgment
11 of such utility, will be required to supply system demands during the
12 forecast period. The report shall cover the [twenty-year] ten-year

13 period beginning with the year of the report. Upon request, the report
14 shall be made available to the public. The report shall include, as
15 applicable: (1) A tabulation of estimated peak loads, resources and
16 margins for each year; (2) data on energy use and peak loads for the
17 five preceding calendar years; (3) a list of existing generating facilities
18 in service; (4) a list of scheduled generating facilities for which
19 property has been acquired, for which certificates have been issued
20 and for which certificate applications have been filed; (5) a list of
21 planned generating units at plant locations for which property has
22 been acquired, or at plant locations not yet acquired, that will be
23 needed to provide estimated additional electrical requirements, and
24 the location of such facilities; (6) a list of planned transmission lines on
25 which proposed route reviews are being undertaken or for which
26 certificate applications have already been filed; (7) a description of the
27 steps taken to upgrade existing facilities and to eliminate overhead
28 transmission and distribution lines in accordance with the regulations
29 and standards described in section 16-50t; and (8) for each private
30 power producer having a facility generating more than one megawatt
31 and from whom the person furnishing the report has purchased
32 electricity during the preceding calendar year, a statement including
33 the name, location, size and type of generating facility, the fuel
34 consumed by the facility and the by-product of the consumption. The
35 council shall hold a public hearing on such filed forecast reports
36 annually. At least one session of such hearing shall be held after six-
37 thirty p.m. upon reviewing such forecast reports, the council may issue
38 its own report assessing the overall status of loads and resources in the
39 state. If the council issues such a report, it shall be made available to
40 the public and shall be furnished to each member of the joint standing
41 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
42 relating to energy and technology, any other member of the General
43 Assembly making a written request to the council for the report and
44 such other state and municipal bodies as the council may designate.

ET JOINT FAVORABLE SUBST.

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: Connecticut Siting Council

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation**State Impact:**

Requiring additional entities to furnish the Connecticut Siting Council with specific electric supply and demand data, and reducing the forecast period from 20 to 10 years has no fiscal impact on the state or municipalities.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRIC FORECAST OF LOADS AND RESOURCES.**SUMMARY:**

This bill expands the types of entities that must provide forecasts to the Connecticut Siting Council regarding electric supply and demand, but reduces the forecast period from 20 to 10 years. Under current law, the reporting requirement applies to any entity that generates electric power in the state, other than certain non-utility generators. (By law, entities that buy power from the non-utility generators must provide information regarding them.)

The bill requires the non-utility generators to report. On the other hand, it limits the requirement to generators (utility and non-utility) with more than one megawatt of capacity. (Commercial power plants generally have a capacity of several hundred megawatts). The bill extends the reporting requirement to any entity that transmits or distributes power. As a result, the bill extends the reporting requirement to all municipal electric utilities, rather than just those that generate power.

Under current law, the report must include information on various aspects of power generation, transmission, and distribution. The bill requires that the entities subject to the reporting requirement provide this information as applicable. The electric restructuring law separated the generation function from the transmission and distribution function, with different entities providing these functions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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